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Weekly Headlines from Montana's Nonprofit Sector

NEWS AND HEADLINES

2019 Legislative Leadership is set: Montana Democrats and Republicans from both chambers caucused in Helena on November 14 and decided on leadership for the upcoming session. Leadership for the 69th Legislative Session is as follows [...](#)

Governor's 2020-2021 Proposed Budget: Governor Bullock's proposed 2020-2021 budget was released yesterday, November 15. An Executive [Summary](#) and budget [details](#) can be found at the Office of Budget and Program Planning website. Highlights of the two-year plan include Medicaid expansion, education, and infrastructure.

Hearing held on IRS Proposed Changes to Treatment of Tax Credits: Are you wondering what ever happened to the IRS proposal to reduce the federal deduction received as a result of a charitable gift which allowed the donor to receive a tax credit? We thought you might be! You will recall Montana Nonprofit Association submitted [comment](#) in October and a hearing was held in Washington DC on November 5. The final rules are not out yet, but [...](#)

Shining Light on Dark Montana via *Nonprofit Quarterly*. There is concern being raised in Missouri about the use of hidden money in the gubernatorial campaign and how closely the candidate worked with the organization supplying the funds for campaign ads [...](#)

Comment on UBIT via *National Council of Nonprofits* December 3 is the deadline for commenting on new IRS proposed regulations regarding how Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT) is Calculated. The [IRS notice](#) is detailed and explains the proposed changes in an understandable way. The National Council of Nonprofits has a great [overview](#) on why we should pay attention and how to take action [...](#)

TRAINING AND EVENTS



How to Get Your Technology Funded: Tips from Grantmakers
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RESOURCES

[Three Things We Know About Engaging Millennials in Your Cause](#), **Derrick Feldmann** via *Nonprofit Quarterly* We heard from several conference attendees that Derrick was a favorite keynote of all time. If you missed him, now you can catch up at least a little bit...

[Impact Lab](#) MNA is pleased to welcome Impact Lab as our newest Affiliate Member. The Impact Lab's mission is to help nonprofit organizations become more impactful, successful, and sustainable. Their roots are in conservation, but they've spent more than twenty years supporting nonprofit organizations of all kinds deepen their impact. Some of you met Shelli Bischoff at the MNA Conference and are already familiar with the quality of Impact Lab's work. Here is an introduction to their approach to strategy: [From Strategic Planning to Strategic Positioning](#) - a guide on how to define your organization's specific niche within its sphere of influence. Welcome Shelli and Impact Lab!

[A Checklist for Challenging Conversations](#) via *www.judyringer.com* We're all there - wondering how to be part of a solution rather than contributing to growing divisiveness in our everyday conversations. There are step-by-step ways to engage in challenging conversations while maintaining or even advancing civility and respect. [Here](#) is a toolkit of sorts based on the premise "It starts with me."

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[Associate Director of Marketing, Communications, and Recruitment](#) | **Montana Conservation Corps** - Bozeman

P.S. The Elections are behind us, but before we move on, a shout out to all of you who engaged in Get Out the Vote activities. While [nearly half of registered voters had already returned their absentee ballots](#) by November 3rd, voter lines grew long at polling locations across the state as citizens registered to vote and cast their ballots on Election Day. [Exit polls](#) demonstrate the range of voter demographics this year, but the takeaway for us at MNA is pride in a Montana that encourages participation at the polls. Here are just a few of the Montana organizations who mobilized staff, volunteers and voters this year: Forward Montana, MontPIRG, League of Women Voters, Montana Women Vote, Montana Conservation Voters, Northern Plains Resource Council and Western Native Voice. We know so many more were engaged in numerous and varied ways. **Thank you** for your role in promoting the democratic process of voting. Net result? 70% voter turnout in Montana!

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